

MR. JAMES JABARA INDUCTED INTO PLYMOUTH HALL OF FAME

• Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, on April 18, 2000, the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth, Michigan, with the assistance of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, the District Library, the Plymouth Historical Society, and the City of Plymouth, will honor three men whose commitment to that community has earned them a place in the Plymouth Hall of Fame. These men are being recognized because over the years their dedication and many efforts have played a large role in making Plymouth the wonderful town that it is today. With this having been said, I rise today in honor of Mr. James Jabara, Mr. James B. McKeon, and Mr. Jack Wilcox, who are rightfully taking their place among the "Builders of Plymouth."

Mr. Jabara has been an outstanding leader in the Plymouth community since arriving there after his graduation from Michigan Technological University. He has served Plymouth as City Commissioner, Mayor, and Chairman of the 35th District Court Building. He is a board member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, the Fall Festival and the Ice Festival. He is Chairman of the Advisory Board, sits on the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, and is a member of the Plymouth Library Board. He is a charter member of the Colonial Kiwanis Club, and its first president. In addition, his many successful business ventures have contributed greatly to the growth and development of the Plymouth community.

Mr. President, I applaud Mr. Jabara for his many efforts to better the quality of life for every resident of Plymouth, Michigan. His dedication to the town over the years is truly admirable, and I am glad that the Kiwanis Club has taken this opportunity to recognize his many contributions. On behalf of the entire United States Senate, I congratulate Mr. Jabara on his induction into the Plymouth Hall of Fame. •

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:21 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3767. An act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make improvements to, and permanently authorize, the visa waiver pilot program under section 217 of such act.

H.R. 4051. An act to establish a grant program that provides incentives for States to enact mandatory minimum sentences for certain firearms offenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4067. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4163. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following con-

current resolution, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 71. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Miami, Florida, and not a competing foreign city, should serve as the permanent location for the Secretariat of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) beginning in 2005.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, without amendment:

S.J. Res. 43. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the President of the United States should encourage free and fair elections and respect for democracy in Peru.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment to the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1658) to provide a more just and uniform procedure for Federal civil forfeitures, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 503(b)(3) of the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 5933), and upon the recommendation of the majority leader, the Speaker appoints the following member on the part of the House to the National Skill Standards Board for a 4-year term to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. William L. Lepley of Hershey, Pennsylvania.

At 5:08 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. Con. Res. 303. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4067. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 4163. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers; to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Indian Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following measure which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

S. 2163. A bill to provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 1838. An act to assist in the enhancement of the security of Taiwan, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8437. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated April 6, 2000; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; and Foreign Relations.

EC-8438. A communication from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Performance Report of the General Services Administration" for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8439. A communication from the Director, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8440. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8441. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Annual Performance Plan and the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8442. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Report on Performance and Accountability; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8443. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8444. A communication from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Accountability and Performance Report and the Commission's Inspector General's fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8445. A communication from the Trustee, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8446. A communication from the Acting Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report and the fiscal year 2000 Annual Performance Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8447. A communication from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 1999 Annual Program Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8448. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting, pursuant to law, the fiscal year 2001 Performance Plan and the fiscal year 1999 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-8449. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety